(a) whether the stretch of G.T. road between Asansol and Howrah is not in a road worhy condition;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government for repairs of this srtretch of the National Highway; and

(c) the funds proposed to be allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). The National Highway No. 2 between Asansol and Howrah is generally in traffic worthy condition. Some damages have occurred during the last monsoon which are being attended to.

(c) An amount of Rs. 1170.85 lakhs has been released so far during this year for maintenance and repairs of National Highway in West Bengal including National Highway No.2.

Appointment in RRBs in Kerala

4768. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some persons who were provisionally selected for various posts in 1990 by the Banking Service Recruitment Board for appointment in Regional Rural banks in Kerala have not so far been given appointments;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons thereof; and

(c) the time by which the above persons are likely to be appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):(a) to (c). Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to selections made by Banking Service Recruitment Board (BSRB) Thiruvanantapuram in the year 1990 and not to the examinations etc. conducted by it in 1990. SBSRB has reported that no candidate selected by it in 1990 remain unabsorbed by Regional Rural Banks.

National Highways in Assam

4769. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam have submitted any proposals to the Union Government for construction of new National Highways, during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the proposals by the Union Government and the amount sanctiouned therefor; and

(d) the reasons for not giving approval to the remaining proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are as under, viz.

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(i)	North Salmara to Amingaon via lengtisinga-Barpeta-Daulasal-Mukalmua-Hajo; and	110
(ii)	Manju to Silchar via Diphu-Lumding-Haflong.	250

(c) and (d): Decision about declaration of new National Highways would be taken only after formulation of the 8th Five Year Plan, availbability of funds, inter-se priorities etc.

Loan Waiver Scheme

4770. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 418 on November 22, 1991 and state:

(a) the break-up of the amounts sancioned and released under the scheme to the public sector banks, regional rural banks and coopertive banks as grants or as loans through NABARD separately, State-wise; and

(b) the amount in each of these cateogories proposed to be released during the current financial year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The break-up of the amounts sancioned and released under the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990 to the Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks as grants and loans through the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) in each State as on 14.12.1991 is given in the attached statement. So far as public sector banks are concerned, they are All India institutions and, as such, the question of State-wise break-up for them does not arise. However, so far, public sector commercial banks have been reimbursed to the extent of Rs. 755.04 crores.

(b) Under ARDR Scheme, the Central Government provides full reimbursements in case of Public Sector Banks and Regional Rural Bank while in case of cooperatives, such reimbursements is subject to the provisions made in the budget of Government for that purpose. A sum of Rs. 1500 crores has been provided in the Budget of 1990-91 an utilised for the purpose of re-imbursements to public sector banks, regional rural banks and cooperative banks. A further sum of Rs. 1500 crores has been provided in the current year's budget and Rs.1000 crores have already been utilised. The remaining amount of this year's budget will be shortly released for reimbursement to cooperatives and Regional Rural Banks. The balance amount is proposed to be provided in the budget of the next year.